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In re application of:

Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: V. Afremova

Serial No: 09/284,935

Filed: May 3, 1999

For: BENEFICIAL MICROORGANISM  
PROPAGATION-PROMOTING  
MATERIAL AND A PROCESS FOR  
PREPARING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: